



## **Bloomington Awarded Community Partnership Grant**

### **CenterPoint Energy award to be used for fire rescue tools**

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***Bloomington***— The City of Bloomington was recently awarded a Community Partnership Grant in the amount of \$2,500 from CenterPoint Energy. The grant will be used to purchase extraction tools for the Bloomington Fire Department.

“The CenterPoint Energy grant will assist the fire department in replacing a spreader that is part of our hydraulic rescue tools,” Fire Chief Ulie Seal said. “These tools are a vital part of our vehicle extrication capability and contribute directly to fast patient care at vehicle crashes.”

CenterPoint Energy’s Community Partnership Program, which recently surpassed \$1 million in donations, awards grants to local communities to fund safety-related equipment and projects.

Bloomington’s 120-member, paid-on-call fire department respond to fire calls with an average response time of 4.5 minutes. The department operates from six strategically located fire stations in the city with the administration functions headquartered at Fire Station 1. The department is also trained to handle hazardous chemical situations, water and ice rescue, and many other specialized forms of rescue. To learn more, visit <http://bit.ly/rqPHwu>.

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